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scenery and associations, intimate with its honored names, conversant with the minutiae of its annals, under the lifelong inspiration of its *genius loci*. When we consider the unprecedented variety of the occasions of which he has been the orator, and of the causes and interests which have owed their most efficient advocacy to his voice, — and then when we reflect how restricted have been the conditions of the highest success with many who in their place and vein have been unsurpassed in eloquence, — we are sure that we do not overrate this universality of genius as a distinguishing feature of Mr. Everett, and as demanding for the aggregate of his “Orations and Speeches” even a warmer tribute, were it possible, than we yield to his acknowledged master-works.

We cannot close this cursory notice without referring to the copious and minute Index to the three volumes, which occupies nearly two hundred pages of the third. This is due to the consummate skill and patient industry of Mr. S. Austin Allibone, who has examined the volumes, sentence by sentence, and has inserted in its due place “every proper name, every geographical or topographical designation, every historical or scientific reference, every important thought, and every bibliographical and biographical allusion.” The historical value of such an Index cannot be overrated; for the volumes cover a vast amount of national and local history, which is thus made availing for consultation and literary use.

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21. — 1. *The New American Cyclopædia: a Popular Dictionary of General Knowledge*. Edited by GEORGE RIPLEY and CHARLES A. DANA. Volume VII. *Edward — Fueros*. New York: D. Appleton & Co. 1859. 8vo. pp. 786.
2. CHAMBERS'S *Encyclopædia*. *A Dictionary of Universal Knowledge for the People. On the Basis of the latest Edition of the German Conversations-Lexicon*. Illustrated by Wood Engravings and Maps. Parts 1–7. New York: D. Appleton & Co. 8vo. pp. 1–448.

THIS new volume of the American Cyclopædia manifests the same able authorship and skilful editorial care to which we have already borne repeated testimony. None, who can afford to place this work on their shelves, can need in the lifetime of the present generation any other dictionary of the kind, or can fail to find in this a work better adapted to the demands at least of American readers, or to easy consultation and familiar use, than the more voluminous Cyclopædias that have issued from the English press.

To those who desire a cheaper work, Chambers's Encyclopædia offers superior attractions. It will be completed in about eighty parts, at the cost of but fifteen cents for each part. It is comprehensive in its scope; the articles, though concise, are thorough and elaborate; and the numerous illustrations, especially of objects in natural history, add largely to its value. As might be expected, it is, for our public, somewhat deficient in purely American titles; but it has as large a proportion of these as could be reasonably anticipated from so distant a point of view.

22. — *History of France, from the Earliest Times to MDCCCXLVIII.*

By the Rev. JAMES WHITE, Author of "The Eighteen Christian Centuries." New York: D. Appleton & Co. 1859. 8vo. pp. 571.

A SUCCINCT and popular history of France has long been a desideratum. This want is well supplied by Mr. White, whose work has the merits of careful preparation, well-devised method and arrangement, and spirited narrative. The style, ordinarily pure and classical, sometimes sinks too low in deference to the imagined tastes of the larger public, and sometimes departs from the calmness of history in an appeal to the passions of the readers. The author's point of view is strictly Anglican, and, where national feeling is compromised, though facts are not mutilated or suppressed, they are uniformly represented in the aspect in which they were regarded from across the Channel. But, with these qualifications, we give the book our hearty praise, and thank the author for a positive and great service to the English and American public.

23. — *A History of the Four Georges, Kings of England; containing Personal Incidents of their Lives, Public Events of their Reigns, and Biographical Notices of their chief Ministers, Courtiers, and Favorites.* By SAMUEL M. SMUCKER, LL. D., Author of "Court and Reign of Catherine II.," "Memorable Scenes in French History," "Life and Times of Alexander Hamilton," etc. New York: D. Appleton & Co. 1860. 12mo. pp. 454.

DR. SMUCKER has succeeded perfectly in conveying to his readers an adequate knowledge of the weaknesses, meannesses, and follies of the four Georges, the stupid debauchery of three of them, and the unredeemed scoundrelism of the last. But the book has no value beyond this. Its history is meagre and fragmentary. Its dates are too few were they accurate; too many for the haphazard way in which they